

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

CHASTITY GUEVARA, )  
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Plaintiff,           )                           8:07CV236  
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vs.                    )                           ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
                        )  
Defendant.           )

This matter is before the court *sua sponte* and pursuant to NECivR 41.1, which states in pertinent part: "The court may at any time dismiss an action for lack of prosecution when it appears it is not being prosecuted with reasonable diligence." Further, Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) establishes the following time limit for service of process on the defendant in a civil case:

If service of the summons and complaint is not made upon a defendant within 120 days after the filing of the complaint, the court, upon motion or on its own initiative after notice to the plaintiff, shall dismiss the action without prejudice as to that defendant or direct that service be effected within a specified time; provided that if the plaintiff shows good cause for the failure, the court shall extend the time for service for an appropriate period.

In this case the complaint was filed on June 25, 2007. See Filing No. 1. Accordingly, the deadline for service of process expired **on or about October 23, 2007**. The record shows that, although a summons has been issued, there is no proof of service of process on the defendant. Upon consideration,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

The plaintiff shall show cause why this case should not be dismissed as against the defendant for failure to effect service. The showing of cause shall be filed electronically on or before the close of business **on December 17, 2007**.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Thomas D. Thalken  
United States Magistrate Judge